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SUBJECT: Walter Winchell Column
TO: FBI Liaison Office (Mr Sullivan)

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd
 FROM : A. H. Belmont
 SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
NOVEMBER 2, 1952

DATE November 3, 1952

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WINCHELL

David Weintraub, one of the top U.N. officials and Director of the Economic Division, will be asked to quit this week. The Senate Committee blasted Reds out of the U.N. last week, and they say that Weintraub hired them.

Comment

His present position at the U.N. is Director, Division of Economic Stability and Development. He has been reliably reported by numerous sources to be head of the pro-Communist and pro-Soviet groups in the U.N. Secretariat.

WINCHELL:

John P. Davies, Jr., Political Advisor to the U. S. High Commissioner, Germany, has requested his own recall to clear himself of charges made by the Senate Internal Security Committee.

Comment

WINCHELL:

Many Florida politicians will have red faces when the Federal Grand Jury furnishes its probe of the Ku Klux Klan.

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Comment

The Federal Grand Jury, Miami, Florida, convened on October 6, 1952, to investigate the Florida bombing cases.

WINCHELL:

Winchell said "the 'New York Post' attacked anti-Communist Winchell and defended anti-American Josephine Baker. To the Senate Internal Security Committee, why haven't the American people had a public investigation to determine how pro-American the 'New York Post' and its editors are."

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You will recall that James Wechsler is one of the "Post" editors [REDACTED] He is a self-admitted former member of the Young Communist League.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : A. H. Belmont *ABZ*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
NOVEMBER 16, 1952

DATE: November 17, 1952

WINCHELL:

He announced his reward offer of \$7,000 for the seven Communist fugitives and on this program furnished the description, background and a photograph of Robert George Thompson. Winchell also announced that Saga Magazine, December issue, would carry a full description and story on these seven Communist fugitives.

Winchell stated President Eisenhower is expected to order the FBI to open its files to Congressional committees investigating subversives and appointees.

Comment:

None.

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WINCHELL:

The Atomic Energy Commission may prosecute Navy men and others for writing to their families concerning the hydrogen bomb test.

Comment:

The Atomic Energy Commission requested that the Bureau conduct an investigation of premature disclosure of the hydrogen bomb test on November 10, 1952.

WINCHELL:

Senator James Eastland, McCarran Committee, will come back to New York City very soon to reopen the probe of the United Nations. New evidence.

Comment:

You recall that the newspapers have recently reported that McCarran has left the country for South America, but the Committee is still expected to continue its hearings regarding the United Nations in his absence.

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Re: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
NOVEMBER 16, 1952

WINCHELL:

United States Intelligence is examining the public speeches of American citizens at the Peiping Conference. If this is cold war, the speeches are cold treason.

Comment:

The Bureau has a pending investigation concerning the above peace conference which was held on October 2, 1952, captioned "Peace Conference, Asian and Pacific Region" concerning approximately a dozen American citizens who were present at this conference. There has been newspaper publicity recently concerning a State Department investigation regarding some of these American citizens for violating passport regulations. According to these newspaper articles, travel to China was prohibited on some of those passports issued to Americans at the conference.

WINCHELL:

Federal executives filed an objection to the parole of Alger Hiss because of his failure to cooperate.

Comment:

The Substantive Desk following the Hiss case here at the Bureau advises that to their knowledge no objection has been filed to the Hiss parole.

WINCHELL:

The McCarran Committee uncovered testimony strongly indicating that American Communists masterminded the Prisoner of War riots on Kojie Island. Some American medics are suspected.

Comment:

There has been recent newspaper publicity concerning First Lieutenant Sheppard Carl Thierman, a New York doctor who served with the Army in Korea and for a part of the time on

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Koje Island, and who allegedly has a pro-Communist record.
Thierman has been scheduled to appear before the McCarran
Committee. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Bureau has no other information
concerning the connection between American Communists and these ric
WINCHELL:

The FBI arrested Ensign George M. Snyder at San Diego
on charges that he embezzled \$38,000 from Navy funds.

Comment:

Snyder, the subject of a Theft of Government Property
Embezzlement, ITSP investigation, was arrested by Bureau Agents
and local officers at Newport Beach, California, on November 16,
1952. Snyder was charged with having embezzled approximately
\$38,000 of Navy funds on October 17, 1952, while he was
assigned to the U.S.S. Greenwood as a Supply and Disbursing
officer.

WINCHELL:

To the "Detroit Times." The American Committee for
Protection of Foreign Born is holding its convention in your
city on December 13 and 14. This is a Communist front.

Comment:

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign
Born is cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney
General.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
OF NOVEMBER 23, 1952

DATE: November 24, 1952

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WINCHELL:

New York City is flooded with G-men on the tail of Tommy Brown and the persons suspected of harboring him. "The old Lepke pressure."

Winchell also appealed to Luckese to surrender himself and have his day in court. According to Winchell many "so-called respectable people have much more to be ashamed of."

Comment

You will recall that the Bureau is seeking Luckese to serve a summons pursuant to a court order. Luckese is presently the subject of a denaturalization proceeding which was initiated on November 19, 1952. The "so-called respectable people" referred to by Winchell are probably those involved in the New York State Crime Commission investigations.

WINCHELL:

Robert Morris, Counsel for the McCarran Committee, may be the successor to Miles J. Lane's U. S. Attorney post.

Comment

None.

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WINCHELL:

The Senate Internal Security Committee will begin open hearings concerning American Reds in the UN on December 1, 1952. The Committee will expose the highest public officials ever involved in the Communist conspiracy in the United States. The nation will be shocked.

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As you know, the McCarran Committee has been holding hearings concerning American Communists holding positions in the UN Secretariat in New York City, which have received much publicity.

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RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
OF NOVEMBER 23, 1952

WINCHELL:

He will fire some very high Republicans right out of
Central Intelligence.

Comment

None.

WINCHELL:

Concerning the Communist fugitives, Winchell furnished the description, photograph and background of Sidney Steinberg and offered a one-thousand-dollar reward for information leading to his apprehension.

December 3, 1952

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Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Daily Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York, New York

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Dear Walters:

I thought you would like to know that effective December 6, 1952, the famed FBI kidnapping number, National 7117, will be changed to National 8-7117.

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As you will recall, this number was widely publicized in the days of the kidnapping menace in the early Thirties and we established this special number which could be used only in emergencies in order that any victim who received a kidnapping threat could contact the FBI without any delay.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

John

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November 17, 1952

From Walter Winchell.

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Less than a week after election the pattern of the future has begun to unfold.

is out only in the book for 20 years - a copy of the

It is announced that, even though Eisenhower won, Gen. Van Fleet is going to retire in January - just as was first revealed last summer. Thus this nails as a lie the report circulated before election by GOP newspapers that Van Fleet was going to be "fired" by Truman right after Nov. 4 because of that letter on ROK forces that Ike used.

Republican leaders and papers (and WW) are now clamoring for Ike, as President-elect, to give up that personal trip to Korea and to send some stooge instead. Thus you are all admitting that Ike's trip would be foolhardy, that there's nothing to be accomplished by his personal visit, that the Korean conflict has to be solved at the UN and not at Panmunjon, and, besides, it was just a phoney campaign gimmick, anyway. Isn't that what all us loyal Democrats were saying all along, hmmm?

Sen. McCarthy reveals to reporter Fred. Woltman that hereafter it won't be necessary for him to waste any time going after Communists in the Gov't.; he's just going to concentrate on crooks and grafters. In short, after failing to uncover even one Red in the Gov't., McCarthy confesses that the job is finished. Obviously, there weren't any Reds for McCarthy to expose in the first place, and his whole campaign of smears and character assassinations was phoney.

Here, within a few days after the ballots were counted, three of the GOP's most effective vote-getting issues are admitted frauds. You will find, Walter, that an administration born of such arrogant, dishonesty and callous lack of integrity is not destined to flower into a time of justice, progress and regard for public welfare.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: December 8, 1952

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
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WINCHELL:

Baltimore, Maryland. Owen Lattimore will receive a Christmas present from Uncle Sam. It will be delivered by the Department of Justice in several packages; each worth five years.

COMMENT:

As you know, the Criminal Division on December 4, 1952, started to present the facts of the Lattimore case concerning eight instances of possible perjury on the part of Lattimore. The Attorney General has instructed the Criminal Division that all evidence must be presented and indictments returned before Christmas, 1952.

WINCHELL:

The State Department knew that Frank Coe of the United Nations was a spy suspect as far back as 1940. Coe was just fired, as you know, for refusing to say if he ever was a spy. Whittaker Chambers named him 12 years ago and guess what: Coe got a promotion.

COMMENT:

Information in Bureau files reflects that Whittaker Chambers named Coe to Adolphe Berle of the State Department in 1939 as an underground Communist. In the fall of 1945, Coe was named by Elizabeth Bentley as a minor figure in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster spy network.

WINCHELL:

The Washington Ticker. A committee for the condemned Rosenbergs, the atomic spies, man and wife, will attend a twenty-four-hour daily vigil around the White House on Christmas Eve to continue until the executions January 12.

COMMENT:

As you know, the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, in addition to the above, plans also to have a National Clemency Rally in Washington, D. C., January 4-5, which

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will be attended by 3,000 persons from all parts of the nation to protest execution of the Rosenbergs during the week of January 12, 1953, for Soviet espionage activities.

WINCHELL:

Washington. Three people on the staff of a congressman have given affidavits to the FBI alleging salary kickbacks to the law maker boss. He is a West Coast Congressman.

COMMENT:

Winchell may be referring to allegations regarding payroll irregularities on the part of Representative Ernest King Bramblett, 11th Congressional District, California, which was mentioned in the column of Drew Pearson in the Washington Post of November 1, 1952. Bramblett allegedly offered to double an employee's salary for a cash consideration and allegedly had three employees, one his wife, on the payroll although they are not known to have done any work.

WINCHELL:

New York City. Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan will resume the U. S. Security Committee Hearings for the Reds and spies in the United Nations next Tuesday. Another top American will be accused. He is a professor at Columbia University.

COMMENT:

As you know, there have been Grand Jury hearings in regard to this matter and several United Nations employees have been witnesses. The supervisor handling Communist infiltration of the United Nations advises that from information furnished, it was not possible to determine to whom Winchell had reference.


WINCHELL:

New York City. A notorious scandal sheet in midtown New York is another U. S. Government target, suspected of fronting for the Communist Party, which I suspected months ago. The slimy editor of this rag was once convicted for attempted extortion.

COMMENT:

The masthead of "Expose" reflects that its editor is Lyle Stuart. Winchell's column in the New York Mirror of November 19, 1951, revealed Stuart's real name as Lionel Simon. Bureau records reflect that

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December 17, 1952

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[REDACTED] sent the attached letter to Walter Winchell, and Winchell forwarded it to the Director.

[REDACTED] states to Mr. Winchell: "I'll never forget the night [REDACTED] J. Edgar Hoover, you & I made the rounds of the N. Y. night spots. [REDACTED]"

Mr. Winchell did not forward the enclosure sent to him by [REDACTED]

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*Full
J. Edgar Hoover*

Mr Walter Winchell
c/o The New York Mirror
New York, N Y

Dear Mr Winchell:

Enclosed is a copy of "The American Aeronaut" of Tuesday, December 2, 1952 (note article on page 6). I don't believe this union charge and, secondly, even if it were true it isn't important in your case with all you have done for our country.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature]

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P.S. See news about the night [Redacted] J. Edgar Hoover, you + I made the rounds of the night of [Redacted]

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD
FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT
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WINCHELL:

New York City. Some of the top city educators have made a private request for a full-scale investigation of what they call a raft of Commies still on the faculties of the New York colleges. They have promised full cooperation and the Congressional probers will be here next month.

COMMENT:

You will recall that the McCarran Committee recently held a hearing concerning the school teachers in the state of New York who were named as Communist Party members by former Party member and member of the Teachers Union. As a result of this hearing, the New York State Board of Education has held hearings and discharged those teachers who refused to testify as to their Communist Party affiliation.

WINCHELL:

"Buffalo Courier Express." The Communist Party has ordered picket lines and work stoppages in vital defense industries all over the country as part of the plot to stop the execution of the Rosenbergs, the atomic spies, scheduled to die the week of January 12.

COMMENT:

An article in the east coast Communist newspaper the "Daily Worker" of December 12, 1952, reflected that William L. Patterson, former member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA, has stated that the Rosenbergs would be "murdered" the week of January 12 unless hundreds of thousands of Americans take action now in picket lines, work stoppages and protest demonstrations.

WINCHELL:

Washington. Another Truman administration scandal. "It happened after the last World War. A top War Department executive gave orders to burn all documents naming Communists in U. S. Government jobs. The bonfire lit up the capital skies but those papers were not in that blaze. They will next appear in our Federal courts in 1953."

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COMMENTS:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Berne, Switzerland. A new secret school for saboteurs has been opened in Prague by the Red Intelligence. The course takes ten months. Ninety-four Asiatics, 115 Africans and 72 so-called students from South America are in training there now.

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WINCHELL:

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Concerning the Communist fugitives. Winchell furnished the description, photograph and background of Henry Winston and offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to his apprehension.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

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FROM : A. H. Belmont

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Reference is made to the captioned broadcast. You will recall that Winchell made reference to a new secret school for saboteurs which allegedly had been opened in Prague by the Red Intelligence. He indicated that the course was of ten months' duration and that there were 94 Asiatics, 115 Africans, and 72 so-called students from South America who were in training at the school.



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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
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DATE: December 29 1952

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WINCHELL:

Havana, Cuba. The police raids in Westchester the other day did not stop the plot to overthrow the Batista Government in Cuba. Four major figures escaped the trap in Westchester including an international smuggler who flew to Paris, his initials - A.C. The Cuban revolution is still set for January 5.

*Prof. J. J. ...
Baltimore
Blacks*

COMMENT:

As you will recall, the Mamaroneck Police Department arrested four individuals on December 20, 1952, for illegal possession of arms and ammunition in violation of State Law. The State Department and the Bureau of Customs have been investigating this same matter for the past two months because of an allegation that such arms were destined for Cuba. On December 22, 1952, on the basis of newspaper accounts, the Department of Justice ordered the FBI to conduct an investigation into the matter and the New York Office is currently conducting this investigation. No information has come to our attention regarding the escape of four "major figures" and "A.C." has not been identified. The New York Office was telephonically advised on December 29, 1952, to be alert to the information contained in the Winchell broadcast and attempt to identify the persons mentioned by Winchell.

WINCHELL:

U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York City. William Remington's second trial starts January 13. The Government has two very great wonderful surprise witnesses not used the last time.

COMMENT:

The witnesses referred to by Winchell may be [redacted] and [redacted] Remington attended Dartmouth College between 1934 and 1939 and one count in the current indictment alleges Remington testified falsely during

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His first trial when he denied knowing of the existence of the Young Communist League (YCL) group at Dartmouth during his attendance there.



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Testimony regarding Remington's YCL activities at Dartmouth was introduced into the first trial through testimony of Boscoe Giles who testified that Remington was one of the individuals who recruited him into the YCL at Dartmouth. Giles is also scheduled to be a witness in the forthcoming trial.

WINCHELL:

San Francisco Call Bulletin. West coast Commies are now running a school at a camp near Crestline, California, under strict security regulations. Why is that?

COMMENT:

If you approve, the attached airtel is being transmitted to the Los Angeles Division requesting additional details regarding this school.

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WINCHELL:

Concerning the Communist fugitives, Winchell displayed a photograph of Fred Fine and furnished the description and background and offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to his apprehension.

WINCHELL:

United Nations, New York. Trygue Lie has sent a secret message to the United States Senate Security Committee putting the blame for Reds in the United Nations on the Department of State. Mr. Lie's message is unique to say the least in diplomatic history.

COMMENT:

None, this is for your information.



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Transmit the following TELETYPE message to:

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DIRECTOR

WALTER WINCHELL - RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS OF DEC. TWENTY-EIGHT,

NINETEEN FIFTY-TWO. SEVERAL AGENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

HAVE REPORTED THAT WALTER WINCHELL ON BOTH HIS RADIO AND TELEVISION

BROADCASTS OF DEC. TWENTY EIGHT LAST ANNOUNCED THAT A HIGHLY SECRET

COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERSHIP SCHOOL WAS IN PROGRESS AT CRESTLINE, CALIF.

A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES FROM THE PRESS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AS A RESULT

OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT AND ALL HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT NO COMMENT CAN BE

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NEW YORK 36, N. Y.

ROOM 158

TEL. PLAZA 7-7184

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December 12, 1952

J. E. Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Laughlin	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Dear Mr. Hoover:

W. MICHELL

Walter wants you to see the attached letter from [redacted] well known to him.

He is anxious to check the contents for facts and, if true, move on from there to the Baron and Baroness.

We have the original letter.

Best wishes,

John
John H. Teeter
Executive Director

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Encl.

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Summary memo 11/10/52
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Dec. 6, 1952

Dear Walter:

You have known me for a long time Walter, and I hope you won't look upon me as an alarmist, and be a dear friend and treat this confidentially, I hate this sort of thing, but it may be most important for you to know, What I am going to tell you was heard by a few guests besides myself, I am sure of one, as we discussed it later.

I was pouring tea at this buffet cocktail party, a couple came in late as I was pouring tea or coffee, my host introduced me to the late arrivals and they sat near me as I poured them coffee, a conversation came up, it was about your radio broadcast of that evening Sun. Oct. 26.

I remarked that I always made an effort to hear Walter Winchell, even if I had to be late to an engagement, and thought your broadcast that night was something terrific, I don't remember what it was about now, but you always had important things to tell us. This couple who sat there beside me, [redacted] spoke up. He said, "Walter Winchell is a communist." I said, "No, I can't believe that," and he said, "Well, he is, his cell No. is so and so." I can't remember the number he said, it was so sudden and such a shock; I have known you so long and you have done so much good in so many ways, it is ridiculous to give such a remark a second thought, but I feel sure they themselves must be on the pink side. I have a horror of getting myself mixed up in anything like this but if it is important to you, I am sure you know of a way to carry on. I have tried to learn more about these people, [redacted] told me she had met me before and knew my sister. I have asked her as well as a few others about them. I hear very nice things about her. I guess she has the money, he has the title, both have a foreign accent, Polish I think. They are listed in [redacted]

[redacted] you see I got as much information as I could without arousing suspicion, and I did not want to spread such a false report.

I haven't written many letters in the past few years. [redacted]

I am trusting you, Walter, not to get me mixed up in anything, but if I can do anything quietly for you I will be happy to help you. I am sending this sealed in care of John Teeter at the Hotel Astor c/o Damon Runyon Cancer Foundation. I don't want anyone else to read this, and I don't know who might see it if I addressed this to the paper.

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I think the last time I saw you was at the Mocambo when you introduced me to Edgar Hoover, a long time ago, I suppose you have been out here many times but I haven't been lucky enough to run into you.

So glad you are back on radio and tele. again, you tell us so much in so short a time, it is over with too soon.

Most sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

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December 22, 1952

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Mr. John H. Teeter
Executive Director
Damen Runyon Memorial Fund
for Cancer Research, Inc.
Room 158, Hotel Astor
Broadway and 44th Street
New York 36, New York

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Dear Jack:

Your letter of December 12, 1952, which en-
closed a copy of a letter that [redacted] sent to
Walter Winchell, has been received. In accordance with
your request, I have looked over the material I have on
hand concerning [redacted]

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You might be interested to know that [redacted]
[redacted] last name formerly was [redacted] and that he
had it changed to [redacted].
[redacted] was born [redacted]
and entered the United States [redacted]

To the best of my knowledge, he is not a
citizen of the United States.

[redacted] reportedly was friendly with
Archduke Otto Von Hapsburg of the Austrian ruling
family, and during World War II he was outspoken in
support of the return of the Hapsburg monarchy in
Austria. I do not know who [redacted] is, but
[redacted] is married, he must have met his
wife in this country because he was single when he
came to the United States.

See Note on next page.

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- Ladd _____
- Nichols _____
- Belmont _____
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- Glavin _____
- Harbo _____
- Rosen _____
- Tracy _____
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In the letter from [redacted] states that at a party attended by [redacted] brought up the name of Walter Winchell, [redacted] stated, "Winchell is a Communist... his cell no. is 20 and so." [redacted] states she felt she should report the info. to Winchell, that because it was so ridiculous she felt [redacted] and [redacted] must be "on the pink side." There is a closed Espionage-German file on [redacted] reflecting that in 1943 he reported he only had allegiance to Otto of Austria and that he was in the US on a German passport. The Department advised there was not sufficient evidence in the case to bring him within the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

References: [redacted] frequent visits to [redacted] and reportedly that [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: December 18, 1952

TO : Mr. Nichols *[Signature]*

FROM : M. Jones *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

- Tolson _____
- Ladd _____
- Nichols _____
- Belmont _____
- Clegg _____
- Glavin _____
- Harbo _____
- Rosen _____
- Taney _____
- Laughlin _____
- Mohr _____
- Winterrowd _____
- Tele. Rm. _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

PURPOSE:

To briefly synopsise information contained in the attached summary memorandum regarding the subjects.

SYNOPSIS:

Bureau files contain no information regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who changed his name from [REDACTED]
 to [REDACTED] was born in [REDACTED]
 He entered the United States in [REDACTED] Due to the war,
 he was not able to return to Europe and has lived in [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: December 18, 1952

FROM : M. Anthony

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

BASIS:

The Director received a letter from John H. Teeter, Executive Director of the Runyon Fund in New York City dated December 12, 1952, enclosing a copy of a letter to Walter Winchell dated December 6, 1952, which had been written by [REDACTED]. In this letter [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had attended a cocktail party at which she was present and that she had heard [REDACTED] say, "Walter Winchell is a Communist." Mr. Teeter in his letter to the Director said that Mr. Winchell was anxious to check the contents of [REDACTED] letter for facts.

In accordance with your request, this memorandum summarizes pertinent information in Bureau files regarding [REDACTED] who has several aliases. Bureau files contain no information regarding [REDACTED]

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BACKGROUND:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: December 19, 1952

FROM : W. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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PURPOSE:

To briefly synopsise information contained in the two summary memoranda regarding [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and to recommend that the attached letter be sent Mr. Teeter.

SYNOPSIS:

John Teeter of the Runyon Fund forwarded the Director a copy of a letter received by Walter Winchell from [REDACTED] stating she had heard [REDACTED] call Mr. Winchell a Communist.

Bureau files show that [REDACTED]

Bureau files contain no information regarding [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was born in [REDACTED]. He entered the United States in [REDACTED] and due to the war was not able to return to [REDACTED] to be outspoken in favor of the return of the Hapsburgs to the Austrian throne.

RECOMMENDATION:

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It is recommended that the attached letter be sent Mr. [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols
FROM : M. W. [redacted]
SUBJECT: [redacted]

DATE: December 18, 1952

SUMMARY

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Winterrowd _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Holloman _____
- Miss Gandy _____

SYNOPSIS:

John H. Teeter of the Runyon Fund forwarded to the Director a copy of a letter received by Walter Winchell from [redacted] stating that she had over heard a man call Mr. Winchell a Communist. Bureau files show that [redacted]

BASIS:

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John H. Teeter, Executive Director of the Runyon Fund, sent the Director a letter dated December 12, 1952, enclosing a letter received by Walter Winchell from [redacted] dated December 6, 1952. This letter stated that [redacted] had been present at a cocktail party where [redacted] was serving, and that she heard [redacted] say "Walter Winchell is a Communist." This memorandum summarizes pertinent information in Bureau files regarding [redacted] per your instructions.

BACKGROUND:

You will recall that [redacted]

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

December 22, 1952

From Walter Winchell.

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Belmont _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Harbo _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Laughlin _____
 Mr. Jones _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Holloman _____
 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____

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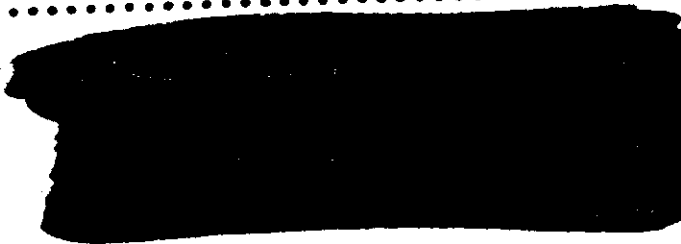
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Check with FBI on ~~Johnny Ray~~ - ~~Marilyn Morrison~~
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Have reliable information that this marriage occurred
and was greatly publicized to cover up a "messy"
episode with a 14-year old Detroit boy.....
You might try and verify with FBI that the "farce"
is completely over.....



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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: Jan. 5, 1953

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

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T.M.N.

Walter There were several calls last evening after the Winchell broadcast. The United Press, the Washington Post Sports Department, the Washington News, and the Associated Press inquired if there was any truth to the Winchell statement the Director had been offered a million dollars for the next ten years as the czar of boxing. All were answered by no comment.

This morning Clark Mollenhoff of the Des Moines Register Tribune called. He also wanted to know. He was advised there was no comment. He asked if he could see the Director. I told him I was certain the Director would have no comment to make and it was just wasting his time. However, if there was any contrary view we would call him.

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cc - Mr. Holloman
Mr. Jones

Vto

Absolutely no comment

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES
Kerckhoff Hall • 402 Westwood Blvd. • Los Angeles 24, Calif.

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[Redacted]

December 1, 1952

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(M) Gen. Hedonage,
Suggested I use it*

Mr. Walter Winchell
American Broadcasting Company
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Winchell:

Referring to your broadcast of last night, Walter, you sure got "look-
in" by Students for America's Bob Minger. He has been well known for a
long time as a "right of MacArthur" fascist type on this coast. This is
an information from personal observation and the observation of the president
of the student body at Los Angeles City College during the time of Minger's
activities at LACC.

I met him first in Berkely [Redacted]

I talked to him as sort
of a kindred spirit — two republicans amongst all these "horrible liberals".
As an indication of the workings of his one sided mind I'll cite you one
nugget of the conversation. Bob Minger at that time had found that the
University of California Loyalty Oath was the best thing the University had
ever done. (Facts in the case are that everyone concerned has found that
the Oath did more harm academically and publicity wise than anything else in
the University's history and that, moreover, whether right or wrong, it had
been handled wrongly.)

Minger is one of the most frustrated students in America. He has
lost every student election he ever tried and has transferred away after
every defeat. He is now in his third university.

He is certainly no one to go to for any kind of authoritative state-
ments on student groups. Its like going to Hiss for information on China.
Good heavens, Walter, why not refer American students to an un-biased
AMERICAN — John Edgar Hoover?

Sincerely,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: December 21, 1952

TO : The Director
FROM : D. M. Ladd
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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PURPOSE: Walter Winchell
To advise you of information contained in Bureau files concerning [REDACTED] Summary

BACKGROUND: [REDACTED] University of California at Los Angeles, wrote a letter dated December 1, 1952, to Walter Winchell in which he stated one Bob Manger was a "right of MacArthur" Fascist and referred to a broadcast of Winchell in which he got "took in."

Mr. Winchell forwarded this letter and it carried the pencilled notation "I am checking further. Gen. Wedemeyer suggested I use it." The letter is attached.

DETAILS:

[REDACTED]

Regarding Winchell's correspondent [REDACTED] Bureau files disclose that [REDACTED] on November 1, 1952, furnished lists thought to be in the handwriting of [REDACTED] On one of these lists is a column of names captioned "My Calls," among which appears [REDACTED] At the time [REDACTED] was very active in the Communist Party in San Francisco and collected for and contributed funds to the Communist Party. It is not known whether the above individual is identical with Winchell's correspondent. (100-19248-18)

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Room 1509

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WINCHELL, TODAY'S MIRROR STOP ONLY A MILLION STOP THANKS TO
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: January 12, 1953

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: WINCHELL BROADCAST
JANUARY 11, 1953

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WINCHELL:

The Stork Club, New York City. Congressman Adam Clayton Powell and his wife, the star Hazel Scott, debunked the Josephine Baker story, the "Daily Worker," and the "New York Post" at Sherman Billingsley's Cub Room Friday night. They had a very good time.

Comment: None

WINCHELL:

The big news an hour ago over all networks, that G-Man Hoover had rejected an offer of \$1,000,000 from the International Boxing Club, was no scoop after my 6:45 (broadcast) last Sunday night.

Comment: None

WINCHELL:

UNITED NATIONS. Heads will continue to roll at the UN. Ruth Crawford up before the McCarran Committee has been quietly bounced. Another top UN official of the Economic Division will get the works this week. His initials are D. V. (phonetic).

Comment: "The Washington Post," December 6, 1952, reported that UN Secretary Trygve Lie, on December 5, 1952, accepted the resignation of Ruth Elizabeth Crawford, admitted former member of the Communist Party and member of three Communist-front organizations cited by the Attorney General. Miss Crawford, an employee of the UN International Children's Emergency Fund, testified before the McCarran Committee that she had been a Communist during the 1930's. Her resignation was effective January 6, 1953. (101-3012)

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Memo to Mr. D. M. Ladd from A. H. Belmont

Re: WINCHELL BROADCAST
JANUARY 11, 1953

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Information concerning both individuals has been furnished to the State and Justice Departments.

WINCHELL:

Big story in Washington. The nomination of General (Walter) Bedell Smith for Under Secretary of State will detonate an atomic explosion in the U. S. Senate perhaps tomorrow. Some of the most powerful senators will object, claiming Bedell Smith was responsible for the recent clearance of the State Department's John Davies, Jr., accused by the Senate Internal Security Committee.

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WINCHELL:

Read the current number of "U. S. News and World Report" . . . which contains a remarkable interview with a former Communist who was employed at the time by our Government. Nathaniel Weyl tells how he broke with the Commies and served in our Army overseas . . . He has told the FBI everything. Be sure and read what he says about Alger Hiss. While a Commie, he set up Red-front outfits

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Memo to Mr. D. M. Ladd from A. H. Belmont

Re: WINCHELL BROADCAST
JANUARY 11, 1953

and was employed on the "New York Post." My employer "knew my opinions were to the left," Weyl said. The Post is suing Winchell for saying that its editor, James Wechsler, was once a national executive for the Young Communist League.

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WINCHELL:

"Look" magazine . . . next Tuesday gives a mighty good going-over to Dictator Peron and a swift kick in the girdle to Josephine Baker, the ingrate.

Comment: None

WINCHELL:

Three syndicates of mobsters from the East, Midwest, and South will meet in Houston, Texas, tomorrow night to map out plans to beat deportation proceedings threatening underworld chiefs.

Comment: At the request of the Attorney General, the Department and INS have been furnished with the names and background information of approximately 280 foreign-born (aliens and naturalized) racketeers and notorious hoodlums, in connection with the Departmental program to institute proceedings to cancel the naturalization and/or deport from this country undesirable persons active in the underworld

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Memo to Mr. D. M. Ladd from A. H. Belmont

Re: WINCHELL BROADCAST
JANUARY 11, 1953

WINCHELL:

Boston, Mass. Anthony Pino, one of the key witnesses in the \$1,000,000 Brink's robbery, was arrested tonight and held for deportation under the McCarran Act.

Comment: Pino [REDACTED] He is an alien of Italian nationality. Information concerning him has been furnished the Attorney General and INS for his possible deportation. INS, Boston, has been reported as considering Pino's deportation.

WINCHELL:

New York City. The New York State Crime Commission resumes next Tuesday on the Staten Island water-front rackets. They will get no where because Alexander Di Brizzi, the dock union boss, just will not come back from Florida.

Comment:

[REDACTED] Di Brizzi is President of Local 920 of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and Vice President of Atlantic Coast District ILA. [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT

DATE: ~~JANUARY~~ 5, 1953

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
January 4, 1953

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WINCHELL:

Over 1,000 persons will take part in demonstrations near the White House January 5, 1953, for the condemned Rosenbergs, the Atomic Bomb spies. Later in the broadcast, Winchell commented favorably on Judge Kaufman's refusal to commute their sentences and mentioned the possibility that President Truman might grant a thirty-day reprieve which would refer the matter to Eisenhower. He mentioned that Rosenberg was a Soviet paymaster as late as 1950, and that he had delivered our anti-aircraft radar secrets to help Moscow kill our flyers in Korea.

COMMENTS:

[REDACTED] Testimony at the trial reflected that Rosenberg gave Greenglass \$5,000 in 1950 to leave the United States. The anti-aircraft radar secrets probably refers to the fact that Morton Sobel, his co-defendant, was a radar electronics engineer and William Penz who has been indicted for perjury is an aeronautical engineer.

WINCHELL:

Milan, Michigan. Frank Costello of New York may win another fight to get out of the Federal clink. Costello may be freed on a technicality.

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Memo from Belmont to Ladd

COMMENT:

Frank Costello has made two appeals to the Supreme Court and prior to his removal less than two weeks ago from Atlanta Penitentiary to the institution at Milan, had instituted a habeas corpus action for his release on the grounds that Atlanta was not a "common jail" as provided in his sentence. The Milan Institution meets the "common jail" requirements.

WINCHELL:

Washington. The ten-year stalling on the deportation of draft-dodger, Serge Rubinstein, will result in a probe of the U.S. Immigration Department.

COMMENT:

On January 5, 1953, in the Circuit Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, there will be heard the matter of a request for an injunction to prevent the Immigration and Naturalization Service from picking up Rubinstein. If INS wins, it will proceed immediately to arrest and deport him. It is believed that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary will no doubt conduct the investigation of INS inasmuch as in the past a subcommittee of the Judiciary has inquired into immigration laws.

WINCHELL:

Washington, D. C. Mrs. Henry Luce, the wife of the Time and Life publishers will be the new United States Ambassador to Italy.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

Senator McCarran will release today documentary proof that Alger Hiss was the man who recruited personnel for the U.S. mission to the UN... This is the one the State Department now admits is loaded with Communists.

Memo from Belmont to Ladd

COMMENTS:

"The New York Times" and "The Washington Post," on January 5, 1953, reported that Senator McCarran had stated that Alger Hiss, as head of the Office of Special Political Affairs, "had initial control over selection of employees to the U.S. delegation to the United Nations." McCarran's statement was based on then Secretary of State James Byrnes' letter to Senator Mundt (Rep., South Dakota) dated April 1, 1946.

WINCHELL:

Berne, Switzerland. Russian strong-arm men are filtering into Luxembourg, France and Italy for heart-to-pistol talks with weak-kneed Communist leaders.

Trieste. Italian Communists are now under orders to stop at nothing to win the Spring election. Italian Government knows, however, that if they are backed up with Red forces, the U.S. 6th Fleet will land U.S. Marines.

COMMENTS:

None.

WINCHELL:

A New York Congressman is threatened with action by the Federal Grand Jury for allegedly taking a lawyer's fee in a Federal matter.

COMMENT:

This undoubtedly refers to a sealed indictment returned against

sealed indictments are excluded under FOIPA b-6, b-7c would be cited if information was accessible



Memo from Belmont to Ladd

WINCHELL:

One of the hottest disclosures by a Congressional committee will involve three rotten American security risks. They are supposedly helping to rehabilitate Koreans right behind our front line.

COMMENT:

On the basis of the information set forth by Winchell, these individuals could not be identified. Inquiry is being made through Liaison channels in an attempt to ascertain their identity.

WINCHELL:

Roy M. Cohn of the Department of Justice, very young Democrat, debunked Dean Acheson and the others in Washington for trying to interfere with the Government's probe of Communists in the United Nations.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

I did not mean Creston (California). I meant what I said Crestline. The fact that you say, Mr. Editor of the "Courier Crestline, California, that there is no school for Reds near Crestline, California, shows that your neighbors do not really know what is going on near Crestline. The Government, however, does.

COMMENT:

Winchell referred to this Communist school in his broadcasts last week.

WINCHELL:

Jim Norris, the head of the International Boxing Club, offered G-Man Hoover a ten-year million-dollar contract to be IBC Boxing Commissioner. It will, I am sure, be politely rejected.

COMMENT:

None. For your information.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: January 19, 1953

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WINCHELL BROADCAST
January 18, 1953

WINCHELL:

Walter Owinche

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A House investigating Committee will give the Nation another shock. It will allege a connection between an ex-convict five percenter and United States Senator Wayne Morse.

Comments:

[REDACTED] Russell
W. Duke who served five years for assault with intent to rob in 1927. Within the last ten days, the local newspapers reported that the Chelf Committee was going to call Duke as a witness in connection with a "five percenter" matter. The articles referred to Duke's connection with Senator Morse.

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WINCHELL:

United States Senator Joe McCarthy's Investigation Committee will expose two major scandals very soon. They will involve corrupt by high public officials. One of them in 30 hours will no longer be close to the White House. Initial "C."

Comments:

One of the two cases sketchily referred to may be that involving [REDACTED] A complaint was received from an individual, who claimed that he had received the information from others in Texas to the effect that [REDACTED] had received a \$35,000 bribe in connection with the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to the Texas-Ohio Company for a pipeline. Inquiry developed that Federal Power Commission had not, in fact, issued such a certificate and the informant's sources could not substantiate the allegation. When this matter was referred to the Department for additional instructions two weeks ago, the Department requested no additional investigation and has not indicated that any further action would be taken.

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cc - Mr. Nichols

Mr. Rosen

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Memo from Belmont to Ladd

RE: WINCHELL BROADCAST, January 18, 1953

WINCHELL:

U.S. Government knows what the condemned Rosenbergs know, but the Government needs their testimony. They are now, however, expected to die.

Comments:

The newspapers within the past month and one-half have reported that Judge Kaufmann has advised both the Rosenbergs attorney and members of their family that the Rosenbergs could expect clemency if they cooperated with the Government.

WINCHELL:

....Mr. Brownell, find out why the Government Loyalty Program does not include employees of Congress and the Federal Courts. They also have access to secret, vital information.

Comments:

The Government Loyalty Program is based on Executive Order 9835, issued by the President and affects employees in the Executive Branch of the Government only. However, the Government Printing Office and the Library of Congress, of the Legislative Branch, are by special agreement investigated and processed under the Loyalty Program. Inasmuch as Appropriation Acts for the Judiciary provide that salaries shall not be paid thereunder to persons who advocate the overthrow of the Government, pertinent loyalty information is referred to the Courts Administrative Officer in the Department. This action, for example, resulted in the firing of a woman by a U.S. District Judge in Los Angeles. It is further noted that Senator McCarran was reported last week by the newspapers as submitting Senate Resolution 16, which provides for the investigation for loyalty of all employees of Senators, their Committees, and employees of officers of the Sen

WINCHELL:

William Remington, who will learn his fate this week, made a secret request on the eve of trial to waive a jury. The Court rejected it.

Memo from Belmont to Ladd

RE: WINCHELL BROADCAST, January 18, 1953

Comment:

The New York Office advised on January 12, 1953, that they had received this information from the Office of the United States Attorney, Southern District, New York City.

WINCHELL:

Tomorrow's issue of an American Legion newsletter will denounce the book about American Communists by Morris Ernst, the lawyer, and his collaborator.

Comment:

None.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
JANUARY 25, 1953

DATE: January 26, 1953

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WINCHELL:

Sergeant Provoe will take the witness stand in his own defense maybe tomorrow. Provoe is charged with treason and "ratting" on his buddies while Japanese prisoners of war.

Comment:

John David Provoe, as you will recall, has been on trial for treason since October 27, 1952. The defense is now presenting its case and it was expected that Provoe would take the stand in his own defense.

WINCHELL:

The William Remington case goes to the jury tomorrow morning.

Comment:

New York has advised that the testimony in the Remington case was completed on January 23, 1953, and that summations and the charge to the jury were scheduled for January 26, 1953.

WINCHELL:

The next big Federal trial in Foley Square Courthouse, New York, will be Gerhard Puff. He is charged with killing a G-man when the FBI captured him recently on West 69th Street, New York City.

Comment:

Puff, who shot Special Agent Joseph J. Brock, is scheduled for a hearing on January 26, 1953, at which time the trial date is expected to be set.

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Memorandum to Mr. D. M. Ladd from A. H. Belmont
RE: WALTER WINCHELL, JANUARY 25, 1953

WINCHELL:

Israeli Intelligence has nailed a Communist attempt to murder Premier Ben-Gurion. Two Red agents are now under arrest.

Comment:

None.

WINCHELL:

U.S. intelligence circles are convinced now that Josephine Baker, who gave up her American birthright 25 years ago to become a citizen of France, was acting as a French agent to inflame trouble over here and stir up anti-American sentiment in Latin America....Josephine Baker, ingrate, was used to weaken support of our North African policy for the benefit of France.

Comment:

WINCHELL:

Kansas City Flash. James Farnestock^{hm?} and his wife, wanted in last Wednesday's Kansas City bank robbery, were found shot to death in a parked automobile tonight.

Comment:

The deaths of the Farnestocks^{hm?} are the subject of a separate memorandum being submitted in connection with the investigation of the robbery of the Rosedale State Bank, Kansas City, Missouri.

WINCHELL:

Chicago Communists will descend upon the capital some time in February to pressure the President for an immediate cease fire in Korea...will give him scrolls from so-called thousands of members of the SOS, i.e., Save Our Sons Committee. These SOSers are nothing but a lot of Commie-fronters.

Memorandum to Mr. D. M. Ladd from A. H. Belmont
RE: WALTER WINCHELL, JANUARY 25, 1953

Comment:

This information was disseminated during the past week to the White House, intelligence agencies and other prominent officials. The delegation is expected to arrive in Washington February 28, 1953.

WINCHELL:

One of the new Congressional investigating committees will subpoena the cable editor of a New York newspaper. He is "redder" than blood.

Comment:

On the basis of the very limited background information furnished, the individual to whom Winchell referred could not be identified.

WINCHELL:

A weekly class in Communism is being held on the outskirts of Boston.

Comment:

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WINCHELL:

The Congressional Committee which got \$50,000 to probe the Alien Property Custodian's department is now very broke. Not a single public hearing was ever held for the taxpayers' \$50,000.

Comment:

You will recall that in December, 1951, and January, 1952, the Bureau conducted a limited inquiry into 14 corporations vested by the Office of Alien Property. While no violations of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction were found, a memorandum of suggestions for tightening up the supervision and operation of the Office were furnished the Attorney General and adopted almost wholly by Acting Attorney General Perlman.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 8, 1953

FROM : Mr. R. W. Corman

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL TELEVISION BROADCAST
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John Simmons, Supervisor in the New York office, telephoned at 6:05 P.M. on February 8, 1953 to advise that he had just received a telephone call from John Teeter, who said he was Walter Winchell's man on the Damon Runyan Fund. He said Mr. Winchell wanted to get word to the Director asking that he listen to Winchell's entire television broadcast at 8:45 P.M. tonight. Teeter said there was something near the end of the program that he particularly wanted the Director to hear, and although he did not want to the Director with the entire program, he would appreciate it very much if he would listen.

This information was immediately furnished to Mr. Holloway who said he would handle, and you were advised.

ACTION:

For your information.

D. J. [Signature]

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TO : D. M. Ladd
FROM : A. H. Belmont
SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
2-1-53 BROADCAST
TELECAST - WMAL TV CHANNEL 7 6:45 P.M.

DATE: February 1, 1953

WINCHELL

"..... Los Angeles. The Coast Guard Cutter "Morris" has reached a position near the San..... Islands..... The Chief Steward is missing from his blood spattered cabin.

COMMENT

The San Diego Office advised the Bureau on 1-30-53 that the "SS Fairhope" enroute to Mobile, Ala., from Long Beach, Calif., reported that the Chief Steward was missing from ship. Blood stains and bloody knife were found in Steward's cabin. The ship is returning to point off Baja California between Ensenada, Mexico, and San Diego. San Diego has been instructed to arrange for investigation at first port of call.

WINCHELL

"Buenos Aires. Dictator Peron has sent eleven delegates to Red China's 'Council for the Defense of World Peace' at Peiping. Part of his deal with Joe Stalin."

COMMENT

For information.

WINCHELL

"Tokyo. Seven Japanese who were arrested and released as smugglers by Chang-Kai-Chek in Formosa were arrested on arrival in Japan as Soviet spies."

COMMENT

For information.

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WINCHELL

"Tangiers. A mysterious submarine rose to the surface off Tangier harbor on 1-21 at 11 o'clock at night. Then it took three men aboard from a waiting dinghy and submerged again."

COMMENT

For information.

WINCHELL

".....New Yorkers are talking about Confidential Magazine, Confidential Magazine, on the stands next Wednesday Feb. 4, its big feature will be about the No. 2 ingrate, the No. 2 ingrate, Josephine Baker the inside story of her phoney demonstration in various parts of the nation and elsewhere, a complete debunking of Josephine Baker, and some of the newspapers who fell for her hokum.. .."

COMMENTS

Josephine Baker, an American born, French citizen by marriage, is presently touring South America making uncomplimentary speeches about the U.S. Recently while in the U.S. she provoked incidents and claimed she was the object of racial discrimination. No investigation of Baker has been conducted by the Bureau

BROADCAST WMAL 6:30 kc. 9:00 P.M.

WINCHELL

"... Los Angeles. The entire crew of the freighter 'Stanhope' are being held by the U.S. Coast Guard as murder suspects over the disappearance on the high seas of the Chief Steward. His cabin found blood spattered....."

COMMENT

None in addition to that set forth previously.

WINCHELL

"U.S. Court House, Foley Square, New York, Former Government Executive William Remington comes up for sentence next Wednesday.....Will recommend the maximum penalty - 5 years."

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COMMENT

The New York office has previously advised that Remington will be sentenced on Wednesday, Feb. 4. Remington was convicted on two counts and can receive a maximum penalty of 5 years and \$2,000 on each count.

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WINCHELL

"Albany, N.Y., Mr. Justice David Peck, a close advisor of Gov. Dewey is expected to take the job of Chief of the Anti Trust Division. A very good man."

COMMENT

A request for investigation of David W. Peck was received from the Attorney General on 1-26-53. The matter is presently under investigation.

WINCHELL

"The Washington Ticker. The Un-American Activities Committee headed by Congressman Velde of Illinois will subpoena a New York publisher of an obscure weekly.... It is alleged he is a card carrying member of the Communist Party. No scoop....."

COMMENT

From the meager information, it has not been possible to identify this individual.

WINCHELL

"It is good news for the Commies, ladies and Gentlemen, this struggle for jurisdiction over investigating subversives which has developed between Senators Langer and McCarthy."

COMMENT

Apparently refers to which committee will have priority to investigate Communism. Langer's Committee on Judiciary or McCarthy's Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments.

WINCHELL

"The Senate War Frauds Investigations will concentrate first on the West Coast and then on the East."

COMMENT

Winchell probably refers to the Senate Permanent Investigating Committee (Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments) headed by Senator Jos. McCarthy whose actual objectives are not as yet announced.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*

FROM : V. P. Keay *VPK*

SUBJECT: WINCHELL BROADCAST
JANUARY 5, 1953

DATE: February 10, 1953

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Mr. Tolson

Mr. Boardman

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Ladd

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Glavin

Mr. Harbo

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tracy

Mr. Egan

Mr. Gurnea

Mr. Hendon

Mr. Pennington

Mr. Quinn

Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

You will recall that on his January 5, 1953, broadcast, *(Serial 757)* Walter Winchell made the following statement:

One of the hottest disclosures by a Congressional committee will involve three rotten American security risks. They are supposedly helping to rehabilitate Koreans right behind our front line.

You will also recall that since, on the basis of the limited identifying data furnished by Winchell, these individuals could not be identified in Bureau files, you advised Mr. Ladd that inquiry would be made through liaison channels to attempt to identify the persons referred to by Winchell. Inquiries have been made of G-2, Central Intelligence Agency and the State Department to identify them.

G-2, on January 15, 1953, advised Liaison Agent John F. Sullivan that G-2 could not identify these persons. CIA, on January 29, 1953, advised Liaison Agent Sam J. Papich that CIA had no information which could be identified with Winchell's comments. The State Department, on February 5, 1953, advised Liaison Agent Ralph R. Roach that they could not identify the persons to whom Winchell referred and called attention to the facts that 250,000 Americans, including military personnel, were in Korea and numerous government agencies were represented there.

Action:

None. For your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd
FROM : A. H. Belmont
SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SUNDAY, 2-8-53

DATE February 9, 1953

TELECAST WMAL-TV Channel 7 6:45PM

WINCHELL

"... Washington, D. C. The White House will be the scene for another big demonstration tomorrow morning by a Communist 'sparked' outfit. Scientists and preachers will demand freedom for the Rosenbergs, the condemned atomic bomb spies."

COMMENT

The Bureau was advised that the Philadelphia branch of the National Committee to secure justice in the Rosenberg case were sending two groups to Washington to call on members of Congress. This information was disseminated in the Current Intelligence Summary to top government officials including the White House.

WINCHELL

"... New York City. U. S. Senate investigators have discovered more American Communists at the United Nations."

COMMENT

Winchell apparently refers to the Continuous Grand Jury and Congressional investigations of American subversives at the United Nations. His lack of specific detail makes individual identification impossible.

WINCHELL

"... New York City. Senator McCarthy's Investigating Committee will return to New York around February 12th. Subpoenas are on the way for high government officials located right here in New York."

COMMENT

We have no information as to what this item may refer.

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WINCHELL

"... Washington. Charges of corruption in the Serge Rubenstein deportation farce are now in the hands of Congressional Investigators. Some people over at the United States Department of Immigration may land in jail."

COMMENT

✓ Rubenstein is not subject of a pending Bureau investigation. Bufiles reflect he was sentenced to serve 2½ years in 1947 and fined for a violation of the Selective Service Act. On his release in 1949, he was rearrested on a stock fraud charge, but subsequently acquitted. In 1950, he settled a U. S. Government income tax claim against him by a payment of \$368,649.02. The initial deportation proceedings against him were invalidated by a Supreme Court decision in the "Snug" case, which had the effect of invalidating deportation hearings held between 9-11-46 and 9-27-50 because they were not conducted in conformity with the Administration Procedure Act. Hence, it was necessary to reschedule many cases and the case against Rubenstein was rescheduled for 9-12-51. Information in Bufiles dated 10-27-52 indicates that the Rubenstein deportation case is presently pending before the Immigration Board of Appeals.

WINCHELL

"... Washington. The McCarran Committee will reopen hearings tomorrow on Communism in education. Parents of students will be very shocked over the many Red Professors still on the payrolls."

COMMENT

The Bureau has been aware for several months that the McCarran Committee was planning to conduct an inquiry into Communist infiltration of the educational field.

WINCHELL

"... Harry S. Truman may be coming back to Washington, D. C., via the Congressional Joint Committee on Atomic Energy to explain his peculiar statement that the Russians do not have the big bomb and to find out just what Mr. Truman knows that they don't."

COMMENT

None.

WINCHELL

"... Frank Costello's application for parole will be decided tomorrow morning. He is reported to be a very model prisoner at the Federal jail at Milan, Michigan."

COMMENT

None.

WINCHELL

"... The Arnold Schuster murder case will be news again soon. The key witness, the key witness, is now in the Raymond St., jail, Brooklyn, held on a very serious charge not connected with the Schuster murder, he is a four time loser and a former cellmate of Willie Sutton."

COMMENT

The Bureau has conducted no investigation with respect to the murder of Schuster who informed the New York Police Department of the whereabouts of Willie Sutton, a Bureau fugitive. We did, however, investigate the matter involving twelve anonymous letters to Schuster. [REDACTED] was identified as a sender of one of the letters. The United States Attorney declined prosecution in view of [REDACTED] age and mental condition. Investigation of the remaining eleven letters is continuing.

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WINCHELL (Signing off)

"... This is Walter Winchell who does not agree with newspaper editors who do not think it dignified to call the President 'Ike.' Mr. Editor, when Americans love you they call you 'Abe'..... 'Edgar'..... 'Ike and Mamie' Good Night."

COMMENT

None. For information because of reference to the Director.

BROADCAST WJAL 630kc 9:00 PM

WINCHELL

"...Chicago. Chicagoans are wondering if the old Capone mob haven't taken over again. Most Chicago saloons tonight are suddenly out of Budweiser beer. No comment from the Mayor or the Chicago Police."

COMMENT

There is no indication of the presence of a Federal violation in connection with this item.

WINCHELL

"... The U. S. State Department's 'Chip' Bohlen will face a Senate Probe before confirmation regarding Yalta."

COMMENT

Bufiles reflect Charles Eustis Bohlen has been in the foreign service of the U. S. since 1929. A summary memo dated 11-12-52 reflects he was as of that date a Counselor with the Department of State. He is reportedly an expert on Eastern European affairs. Bohlen is not the subject of a pending investigation.

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TO : Mr. Tolson
FROM : L. B. Nichols
SUBJECT:

DATE: February 9, 1953

ASAC Whelan of New York phoned at 4:30 p.m. today advising Mr. McGuire that in connection with the Walter Winchell broadcast last night regarding a political wiretap matter which was in the hands of certain people whose initials were "S.M." which would be dynamite, that information has just been received by the New York office from [redacted]

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[redacted] to the effect that the wiretap referred to in the Winchell program was a tap [redacted] had in 1947 on [redacted] and that the call involved was one made by [redacted] to [redacted] office; that in this conversation, [redacted] denied rumors which were making the rounds that [redacted] or his supporters were responsible for the murder of [redacted]. In this conversation, [redacted] is alleged to have stated he did not believe any of these rumors that [redacted] people were involved.

✓ JMM

cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Rosen

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *pla*

DATE: February 24, 1953

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *ahb*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL *Broadcast*
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1953

Telecast WMAL - TV Channel 7, 6:45 p.m.

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WINCHELL

".....Bronzville, New York, Sarah Lawrence College and Scarsdale High School will get the Congressional spotlight on Tuesday next. Alleged Red penetration."

COMMENT

Robert Morris, Chief Council of the Subcommittee on Internal Security of the U. S. Senate, recently advised a Bureau official that the Committee planned to continue hearings into Communist infiltration of the education field and indicated that the Committee had an interest in Sarah Lawrence College. The New York Office has been requested to advise the Bureau of the identities of any members of the faculty at Sarah Lawrence who are included in the Security Index. (Also the Scarsdale High School.)

WINCHELL

"....Washington, D. C., Senator McCarthy's Committee will expose one of the top men in the Department of State as a flaming 'pinko.' A holdover from the Truman crowd."

COMMENT

This individual may be [redacted] who holds a high position at State in the Voice of America Section. [redacted] has been investigated by the Bureau under a Loyalty of Government Employees and Voice of America classification. The Loyalty Section is presently preparing a memorandum reflecting a summary of the results of our investigation of [redacted]

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WINCHELL

"....Washington. A senate committee's big witness this week will be the female leader of over five hundred Communist teachers now in the Red underground in the United States. She was trained at Moscow."

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Winchell probably refers to the Subcommittee on Internal Security as noted above and the witness may be [redacted] who has previously testified before Congressional Committees with respect to Communist infiltration into teachers unions in New York City.

WINCHELL

".....New York City. U. S. Department of Immigration inspectors as I recently warned will soon have to explain alleged protection of two Soviet Agents as valuable 'stool-pigeons.'"

COMMENT

Bufiles fail to identify the Soviet Agents on the basis of the limited description data given by Winchell. According to Raymond F. Farrell, Assistant Commissioner, INS, Winchell may have reference to Maurice Malkin and Paul Crouch, expert witnesses utilized by INS in recent hearings. Malkin and Crouch have been recently under attack by newspapermen for the assistance they rendered to INS in deportation cases.

WINCHELL

".....The Appellate Division, New York State. Judge Peck has informed the President of the United States that he will not accept the post of Chief of the Anti-Trust Division."

COMMENT:

A request for investigation of David W. Peck was received from the Attorney General on 1-26-53. This investigation was completed and the results transmitted to the Attorney General on 2-2-53.

WINCHELL

"....New York City. Congressional Detectives are in New York City checking on James Wechsler, the editor of the New York Post, formerly the national executive for the Young Communist League."

COMMENT

Wechsler has publicly admitted previous affiliation with the Young Communist League.

WINCHELL

"....Secretary of State Dulles is considering several men for O'Dwyer's post as Ambassador to Mexico. One is John B. Glenn, the Vice President of the American Trust Company of New York, another is William Randolph Hearst, the publisher.

COMMENT

To date there has been no request made of the Bureau for an investigation of either Glenn or Hearst. (Washington Post 2/24/59 states White House has nominated Francis White to be
WINCHELL Ambassador to Mexico.)

".....New York Journal American. Julius Rosenberg ^{is} now in the death house at Sing Sing for giving the Russians our secrets, the A-Bomb Secrets, has turned Anti-Semitic of all people. He now calls Rabbis 'politicians with beards' according to the accredited Jewish organizations."

COMMENT

Rosenberg appears to be merely following the Communist Party line in assuming an "anti-cleric" attitude.

WINCHELL

"....San Francisco Call-Bulletin. Another youth outfit, the Eugene Debs Social Club, of the Socialist Workers Party is being established on the campus of the University of California."

COMMENT

The San Francisco Office advised recently of the existence of the Eugene Debs Social Club at the University of California, Berkeley. The Socialist Workers Party has been cited by the Attorney General. This matter is being closely followed by the San Francisco Field Office.

Broadcast WMAL 630kc 9:00 P.M.

WINCHELL

".....Pueblo. Louis Sturgis and Virginia Iser wanted for bank robbery and murder have just been captured."

COMMENT

The Denver Office advised that Louis Albert Sturgis and Virginia Mae Iser, both i.o. subjects were apprehended at approximately 5:05 MST (7:05 EST) on 2-22-53, at Pueblo, Colorado by Bureau Agents and local law enforcement officers. Division is preparing a detailed memorandum reflecting the details of the apprehension.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: February 16, 1953

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1953

TELECAST -- WMAL - TV Channel 7 -- 6:45 P.M.

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WINCHELL:

"..... Washington. The Senator McCarthy Investigating Committee will start its probe of the Voice of America this week. The testimony will rock the nation."

COMMENT:

The Department of State recently advised the Bureau that the Senate Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments headed by Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Wisconsin, contemplated an inquiry into the Voice of America. State related that the Committee would rely heavily on the testimony of [redacted] who was interviewed by the Bureau in September, 1952. Based on the information furnished by [redacted] supplemental investigations were conducted and the results furnished to State.

WINCHELL:

"..... New York City. Sergeant John David Provoos convicted of treason will be sentenced on Tuesday next. If he doesn't get death he will get at least eighty years..."

COMMENT:

The Bureau is aware John David Provoos was convicted of treason in wartime and will be sentenced in the Southern District of New York on Tuesday, February 17, 1953. He is subject to receiving the death penalty.

WINCHELL:

".....The Rosenbergs who sold out America will have the key of their fate in their hands until the very last minute. Judge Irving Kaufman will have a direct wire open from his home here in New York City to Sing Sing Prison until the zero hour."

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COMMENT:

Judge Irving R. Kaufman, Southern District of New York, has previously stated he would reset the date for the execution of the sentence imposed on Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted Espionage Agents, five days following the President's decision on the application for clemency. The President denied the Rosenbergs appeal on February 11, 1953, and it is, therefore, expected he will reset the execution date on Monday, February 16, 1953. Judge Kaufman has indicated he would grant clemency if the Rosenbergs would cooperate with the Government.

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WINCHELL:

"..... Senator Jenner's Committee will open the probe of American Reds working at the United Nations by Thursday next. It will be an open session, an open session. Several very high US officials have been ordered back from their posts overseas for questioning."

COMMENT:

The Internal Security Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary of the U. S. Senate headed by Senator William E. Jenner of Indiana will reconvene on Thursday, February 19, 1953, having recessed on December 17, 1952. A representative of the Committee has been in touch with the Bureau and advised of the Committee's intention to inquire into Communist infiltration of the United Nations. Bufiles contain no information regarding the identity of proposed witnesses before the Committee.

WINCHELL:

"..... A sealed indictment, a very sealed indictment has been returned against a New York Congressman. Another is on the verge."

COMMENT:

Conceivably, Winchell may refer to the indictment returned against former Representative T. Vincent Quinn of New York for violation of the Conflicts and Interests Statute for representing clients in tax cases while still a Congressman; however, this indictment has been made public.

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The investigation requested with respect to this indictment has been completed and the results sent to the Criminal Division on 2-11-53. The second reference may pertain to [redacted] who is subject of a case relative to collecting "kick-backs" from persons on his payroll. This investigation has been completed and referred to the Criminal Division of the Department on 2-13-53.

BROADCAST WMAL 630kc - 9:00 P.M.

WINCHELL:

".....Judge Irving Kaufman who sentenced the Rosenbergs, the A-Bomb spies, to the chair will give them every break. His honor will stay at his New York apartment phone, a direct line to Sing Sing, until the zero hour."

COMMENT:

None, in addition to that set forth previously regarding this item.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd *DL*

FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 1, 1953

DATE: March 2, 1953

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WINCHELL:

"Baltimore - ~~Owen Lattimore's~~ trial starts in May. It will involve one of the Nation's best known radio commentators."

COMMENT:

No information has been developed to date during the investigation of the Lattimore case which would identify the individual referred to.

WINCHELL:

"Washington, D. C. - The Senate ^{DENNIS D.C.} Election Sub-Committee is reportedly planning to oust New Mexico Senator Chavez and seat General Patrick Hurley because of alleged counterfeit votes."

COMMENT:

By memorandum dated February 17, 1953, the Albuquerque Office advised that investigators for the Senate Sub-Committee inquiring into the Senatorial contest between Chavez and Hurley had been there since about February 11, 1953.

The Bureau has received numerous allegations concerning this election. In the case entitled [REDACTED] Election Laws, it was alleged that 5,000 counterfeit ballots had been printed. At the request of the Department, an investigation was conducted concerning this allegation. The results of the investigation were furnished to the Department. By memorandum dated February 24, 1953, the Department advised that the allegation appeared to be based upon rumor and no further investigation was warranted.

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WINCHELL:

"The Washington Ticker - Reed Harris of the State Department will be the big target for the McCarthy Committee Tuesday next here in New York. Reed Harris, ladies and gentlemen, was listed on the Committee for the American Student Union in 1937, a 'Commie' front outfit led by Alexander Trachtenberg, a convicted Communist chief and James Wezler, the editor of the New York Post."

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WINCHELL:

"Havana Post - My authority for this is reliable. Three million dollars worth of arms are stashed in Mexico waiting for the signal from powerful Cuban exiles to overthrow Mr. Batista.

COMMENT:

The Bureau has been aware of numerous rumors circulating regarding the possible overthrow of the Batista regime, however, no specific information has been received regarding an alleged three million dollars worth of arms being stored in Mexico.

The New York Times, March 2, 1953, contains a news item by Sidney Gerson, a Time representative at Mexico City. This article reflects that Enrique Henriques, brother-in-law of the deposed Cuban President, Carlos Prío Socarras, is presently living in Mexico. It is reported that Carlos Prío Socarras has assembled 5,000 rifles, allegedly from the United States, for possible use in Cuba.

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WINCHELL:

CHARLES W. ~~TOBY~~,

"The best known gangster in Brooklyn and a top judge from that borough will get the Senator Toby treatment over Toby's television theatre very soon. The State Crime Commission got the evidence from a citizen. A big judge 'romancing' a Brooklyn mobster.

COMMENT:

No information has been received by the Bureau which would assist in identifying the individuals referred to above.

WINCHELL:

"District Attorney Frank Hogan will probe the infiltration of mobsters into the nightclubs of New York and show business - an offshoot of the Jelke stench."

COMMENT:

The Bureau has received no information which would reflect widespread infiltration of the nightclub and show business in New York City; however, it was reported that Frank Costello had an interest in the Copacabana nightclub in New York.

BROADCAST 9:00 P.M. EST

No additional remarks of interest to the Bureau were mentioned during this broadcast.

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TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: March 9, 1953

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 8, 1953

TELECAST 6:45 P.M. EST

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WINCHELL:

"Josephine Baker who threw away your friendship and mine is back in France. She had to borrow the fare home from Cuba."

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COMMENT:

Josephine Baker, an American-born French citizen by marriage, recently toured South America making uncomplimentary speeches concerning the United States. When last in United States, she provoked incidents to support claims that she was the object of racial discrimination. No investigation of Baker has been conducted by the Bureau

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WINCHELL:

"Peiping - The missing British atomic expert, his name is Pontecorvo, is in Peiping (this is on high authority) teaching Red China how to make atomic bombs."

COMMENT:

The Bureau has received no positive information concerning the whereabouts of Bruno Pontecorvo since his disappearance in China September, 1950, however, numerous unverified reports have been received that he is employed by Russia and is conducting atomic research in China.

WINCHELL:

"Washington, D. C. - The nomination of 'Chip' Bohlen for U.S. Russia Ambassador to Russia will be delayed pending the study of a memorandum from the Security Division." (In his 9 o'clock broadcast, Winchell changed this to indicate Security Divisions.)

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COMMENT:

Charles E. Bohlen who was recently designated as the United States Ambassador to Russia [REDACTED]

WINCHELL:

"The Reds have made so much progress in South America that our Intelligence Department is gravely concerned."

COMMENT:

The Bureau has received no information to indicate a marked increase of ~~Communist~~ activity in South America. There is no indication that either the State Department or the Central Intelligence Agency is gravely concerned as alleged by Winchell.

WINCHELL:

"Washington Post - Another well-known radio commentator in Washington will soon be accused by one of the Washington investigation committees as an undercover agent."

COMMENT:

Because of the lack of specific information, it is not possible to identify the individual referred to in this comment.

BROADCAST 9:00 P.M. EST

WINCHELL:

"Los Angeles - Edward E. Daniels, the notorious Chicago stick-up man, has been arrested by the FBI - quite an expert, eighty robberies in the last six months." *Central*
Ills; Cal.

COMMENT:

Daniels is the subject of an Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution - Armed Robbery investigation being conducted by this Bureau. [REDACTED]

The Los Angeles Office advised by teletype March 8, 1953, that Daniels was apprehended by Bureau agents on March 8, 1953, at Los Angeles, California

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*

DATE: March 16, 1953

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AHB*

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 15, 1953

TELECAST 6:45 PM, EST

WINCHELL:

"Sing Sing, New York--The A-Bomb spies, the Rosenbergs, sentenced to die in the electric chair, have decided not to be such martyrs. They are planning a motion for a new trial."

COMMENT:

The Rosenbergs have an appeal pending before the U. S. Supreme Court following denial of a motion for a new trial by Judge Ryan and the upholding of this motion by the Circuit Court of Appeals. The Rosenbergs have been granted a stay of execution pending the decision of the Supreme Court.

WINCHELL:

"One of our most important government officials, most respected and most intelligent, holds a position much higher than the one held by Alger Hiss--the authorities have definite evidence that this man, a Truman appointee, has been a member of the Communist Party."

COMMENT:

There is insufficient identifying data in this comment by Winchell to determine the identity of the person referred to.

WINCHELL:

"New York City--A group of 'Commies' attending a memorial to Joseph Stalin today at the Manhattan Plaza Hotel--or Manhattan Plaza Hall--needed a police escort to get out in one piece after an angry crowd invaded the hall and routed them out."

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COMMENT:

The "Washington Post," March 16, 1953, contains a news item which probably refers to the incident mentioned by Winchell. This news item reflects that a memorial concert for Joseph Stalin was held in Lower Manhattan on March 15, and developed into a "free-swinging riot" when anti-Communist Russians and Ukrainians broke up the meeting. According to the article, twenty policemen attempted to break up the riot which involved thirty-five Communist sympathizers who were attending the concert and three hundred anti-Communist pickets. The meeting was sponsored by the Russian Ukrainian Carpatho Russian Committee. The pickets represented the protest committees of Ukrainian organizations in the movement for the liberation of the people of Russia.

BROADCAST 9:00 PM, EST

No additional comments of interest to the Bureau were made by Winchell during this broadcast.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: March 23, 1953

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 22, 1953

TELECAST 6:45 PM EST

WINCHELL:

"Washington - William Z. Foster, the top leader of the Communist Party in the United States was just slapped with a Congressional subpoena for tomorrow."

COMMENT:

The New York Office advised at 4:52 PM Friday, March 20, 1953, that Foster [redacted] had been served with a subpoena to appear before the McCarthy Committee at noon Monday [redacted]

WINCHELL:

"Washington - The nomination of 'Chip' Bohlen for Ambassador to Russia is being attacked for security reasons, not loyalty--security, not loyalty! His brother-in-law, Charles Thayer, was quietly fired as Consul General at Munich last week."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL:

"Hartford Times'- The Communist Party in Connecticut plans a state-wide meeting on or about March 28th--a Stalin memorial meeting. Why not picket the pickets?"

COMMENT:

The current intelligence summary contained this item on March 18, 1953. New Haven has been instructed to cover these meetings through informants.

WINCHELL:

"New York City - The John Howard vice trial Tuesday next will involve bigger names than the Jelke case. The alleged white slave Hollywood girl's initials are S. E."

COMMENT:

The case referred to above is Bureau case "John Robert Howard, wa., [REDACTED] wa. - Victim, White Slave Traffic Act." "S. E." probably refers to the victim [REDACTED] who was a movie extra. Trial has been set for March 24, 1953, in the Southern District of New York.

WINCHELL:

"Washington, D. C. - The U. S. Marshall's Office will certify this. Langston Hughs, the novelist, has just been served with a Congressional subpoena. Many other literary people to get subpoenas include Paul Robeson and Mrs. Robeson and Hollywood's John Howard Lawson."

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COMMENT:

The House Committee on Un-American Activities has scheduled hearings on the infiltration of the cultural field in Hollywood, California. This is the fourth hearing held by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Hollywood, and in the past has been primarily concerned with the motion picture field.

By letter dated February 18, 1953, the Los Angeles Office was given detailed instructions regarding the notification of the Bureau concerning individuals subpoenaed as well as persons identified as Communists by the subpoenaed witnesses. Through liaison with the Committee in Los Angeles, they have been able to determine the identities of all witnesses subpoenaed to date, and have advised the Bureau of their identities and are submitting up-to-date reports. To date no information has been received that the four persons mentioned above have been subpoenaed. However, the possibility exists that such notification is in the mail.

WINCHELL:

"The United Nations - Another top monetary official of the UN is in very big trouble with the Department of Justice. His initials are ten and seven (J. H.)."

COMMENT:

From the information available, it was not possible to identify the individual or the case referred to in the above comment.

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WINCHELL:

"Los Angeles - A friendly witness appearing before the Un-American Activities Committee in Hollywood tomorrow is expected to name eighty-five names."

COMMENT:

The witness referred to is probably



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WINCHELL:

"Attention, the honorables of the U. S. Senate! The Communists spearheading the drive to save the atomic spies, the Rosenbergs, from the electric chair at Sing Sing are looking for some senator to be their front. Don't be a sucker, Senator!"

COMMENT:

The Bureau has received no previous information regarding this.



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: March 30, 1953

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 29, 1953

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- Laughlin
- Rosen
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- Holloman
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WINCHELL:

"Washington, D. C. -- An American citizen, now a top official at UNESCO in Paris, France, will be brought back and charged with being an undercover Communist agent -- a former Hollywood press agent. His initials are D. L."

COMMENT:

The individual mentioned by Winchell probably refers to

[REDACTED]

A former State Department employee voluntarily advised the Bureau in October, 1952, that [REDACTED] he had learned from [REDACTED] acquaintances who were employed by the United States [REDACTED] became a member of the [REDACTED]

WINCHELL:

"New York City -- a Columbia University professor, last year's center of controversy over germ warfare, will get a Congressional subpoena tomorrow or the next day. He is professor Gene Weltfish of Columbia University."

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COMMENT:

Professor Gene Weltfish, a woman [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is an instructor in anthropology
at Columbia University.

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[REDACTED] She was very active in the
Congress of American Women, having been a former president of this
organization. Her activities have extended to numerous Communist
front groups.

In June, 1952, Dr. Weltfish publicly implied that
germ warfare had been employed by the United Nations forces against
North Koreans and Chinese in Korea.

WINCHELL:

"'Washington Post' -- The Department of Justice will
shortly move against a great number of editors over here on of
foreign language newspapers. All of them may lose their United
States citizenship -- alleged fraud in concealing subversive
affiliations."

COMMENT:

The Bureau has received no information regarding the
institution of such a program. [REDACTED]
Immigration and Naturalization Service, advised a
liaison representative of this Bureau on March 30, 1951, that he
had heard the Winchell broadcast and is not aware of the program
referred to in the above comment by Winchell. He suggested that
it may be the aftermath of an attempt by INS to denaturalize
and deport the editor of the "Daily Peoples World."

WINCHELL:

"Washington, D. C. -- The Rosenbergs, the atomic bomb
spies, file their third brief in the highest court tomorrow
in Washington. They will probably die in the chair at Sing Sing
the first week in May."

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COMMENT:

Ethel Rosenberg N.Y.
The Rosenbergs are expected to file an appeal on March 30, 1953, with the U. S. Supreme Court seeking a review of the decision of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals denying them a new trial.

WINCHELL:

"Bronxville, New York -- Another Sarah Lawrence College professor will be subpoenaed by the U. S. Senate Security Committee this week. His last initial is Goldman."

COMMENT:

The individual referred to above probably is



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WINCHELL:

In the editorial portion of his program, Winchell referred to a warning he had given the people of Crestline, California, during his broadcast on December 28, 1952, and again on the following Sunday. He stated that he had advised the press in that area of a Communist school which was being operated near Crestline. He pointed out that this tip had

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recently been confirmed during the HCUA hearings presently being held in California. He quoted the HCUA as stating that the Communist school was operated by Joe Springer and his wife C.M. and pointed out that Springer refused to testify on the grounds that he would be testifying against himself. He further quoted Congressman Velde as stating that it was not an ordinary school but one for top functionaries of the Party.

COMMENT:

Information regarding this school was furnished to the Bureau

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The Los Angeles office advised on March 25, 1953, that Joe Springer had been subpoenaed before the HCUA on that date. Before questioning Springer, the Committee read a prepared statement which indicated that it had come to the Committee's attention that a secret school for Communist leaders had been held at Springer's camp. Springer refused to answer most of the questions asked him on Constitutional grounds.

WINCHELL:

"Attention U. S. Senator Joseph ~~McCarthy~~ and the D.C. Greek ship owners residing in this vicinity who sent cargoes to Red China! Your deal may cover the export field but, brothers, you'll soon hear from the U. S. Income Tax Department, because there is a very heavy tax on blood money."

COMMENT:

This reference may be in part connected with the Bureau case involving the North American Shipping and Trading Company, et al, which involves a number of surplus tankers

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purchased from the U. S. Maritime Service by various dummy companies financially backed by Greek citizens.

This is a pending fraud case, a portion of which is being presented to a Federal Grand Jury at this time. Civil action has also been initiated against the owners of the tankers.

WINCHELL:

"Tokyo -- Another ~~Fed~~ spy has been caught taking pictures of American air bases -- very important catch -- head man of a tremendous ring of spies."

COMMENT:

To date the Bureau has received no information concerning this. G-2 advises it has no information; we are checking with OSI. *OSI also negative as of 3/20/53*

WINCHELL:

"Cedar Rapids Gazette"-- Clyde Tolson, a Cedar Rapids boy, celebrates his 25th year in Government service as John Edgar Hoover's chief assistant on April 2. A great team."

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No further comments of interest to the Bureau were made during this broadcast.

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Dear Mr. Tolson:

Could a check be made on this man,
to see if he is just an ordinary citizen--or if
he is attached to some "ism"?

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Rose
for Walter Winchell

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(Letterhead)

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American Broadcasting Company, Inc.
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Gentlemen:

There is enclosed a copy of a complaint which has been received by the Commission against the operation of your station.

As you may know, it is the practice of the Commission to associate complaints regarding a station's operation with the files for that station, so that when application is made for renewal of license there may be available for consideration any matters that bear on the over-all operation of the station in the public interest.

In view of the foregoing, the instant complaint is being referred to you in order that you may have full opportunity to comment upon this matter. In order that our files may be complete, it is requested that your comments or a statement that none are to be submitted, be forwarded, in duplicate, at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

/s/ T. J. Slowie

T. J. Slowie
Secretary

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I would like to know if Mr. W. Winchell
of Daily Mirror can give daily double over WJZ
network on horses? and not violate your code of
non gambling info-advice?

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Mr. T. J. Slowie, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
New Post Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

re: 8423
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Dear Mr. Slowie:

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Reference is made to your letter dated March 6, 1953 regarding the complaint of [redacted] in connection with Mr. Winchell's reference to horse racing on his radio and/or television programs.

It is the established policy of the American Broadcasting Company not to permit the broadcast of any information whatsoever which could be of use to gamblers, and in this connection I should like to quote from Page 2 of our Policy Book:

"The broadcasting of information which could be expected to encourage gambling on the part of the general public or which might otherwise aid the interests of gamblers will not be permitted."

As a news commentator, Mr. Winchell is primarily concerned with coverage of news events of world-wide importance and with news analysis and not with the dissemination of information helpful to gamblers.

It is true that in the spirit of a play on words, a true "Winchellism", Mr. Winchell, on January 4, 1953, made the following reference to the daily double at the Tropical Raceway:

"And, tomorrow's daily double at Tropical. 5 and 8 or 8 and 5. That adds up to 13 for sore losers who don't think \$2.00 is worth all that fun and excitement."

The spirit in which the remark was made is evidence that Mr.

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Mr. T. J. Slowie

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March 19, 1953

Winchell did not intend the remark to be an aid to illegal gambling activities, but merely injected the reference as a light note into his commentary.

Nevertheless, you may rest assured that we will continue to use every effort to prevent the inclusion of such type remarks in any broadcasts in the future.

We trust that this letter will complete your files on the subject of the instant complaint.

Very truly yours,

G.B. Zorbaugh
Acting General Attorney

Messrs Kintner and Hinckley
cc: Messrs Cuneo, Alexander, Velotta, Coe
Miss Bigman

April 1, 1953

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Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Walter:

With regard to your letter of March 24,
1953, with its enclosure, addressed to Clyde,
I thought you might like to know that the man you
inquire about is not identifiable in our records.

I regret that I cannot be of help in this
matter, and since the enclosure may be needed for
your files I am returning it.

Sincerely,

John

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Enclosure

RECEIVED HEADLINE ROOM
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NOTE: From data available [redacted] is not identifiable
in Bufiles. Files contain several references to one
[redacted] of Florida who is a bank robbery suspect.

- Tolson _____
- Ladd _____
- Nichols _____
- Belmont _____
- Clegg _____
- Glavin _____
- Harbo _____
- Rosen _____
- Tracy _____
- Gearty _____
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- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Sizoo _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

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DATE: April 6, 1953

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL *Memorandum*
SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 5, 1953

Mr. Tolson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Ladd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nichols	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Belmont	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Clegg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Glavin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Harbo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Rosen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Tracy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Egan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Gurnea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Hendon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Pennington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Quinn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Miss Gandy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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WINCHELL:

"New York City. Two Congressional committees have quietly started probes of the Ford Foundation, suspected of being gullible for some Red front outfits."

COMMENT:

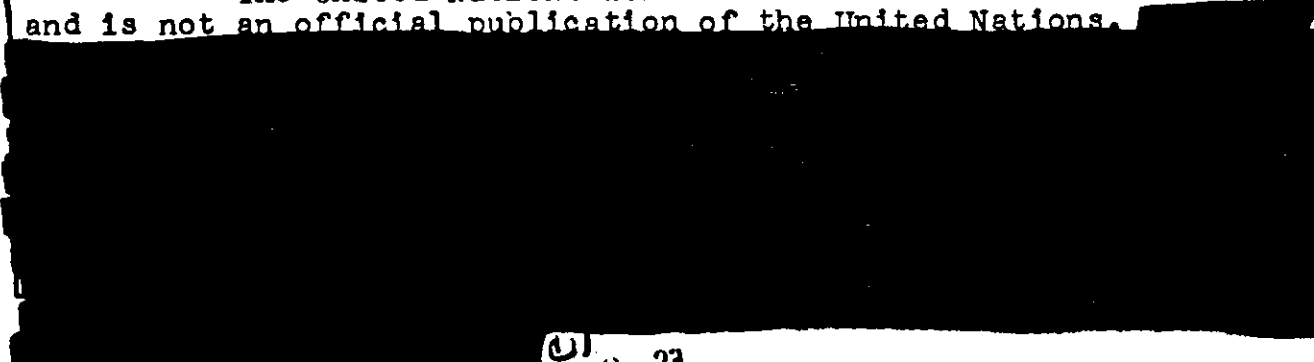
The Ford Foundation is not presently under investigation by the Bureau. However, an inquiry is being conducted concerning the organization's proposed survey of the influence of current methods of combating Communism on American civil liberties. The scope and nature of the survey as well as the investigative techniques to be employed and the identity of the personnel handling the matter are of particular interest.

WINCHELL:

"New York City. 'The United Nations World,' a magazine about UN delegates is under scrutiny of U.S. Senate Committees. Its former editor, Louis Dolivet, is an alleged Red."

COMMENT:

"The United Nations World" is a successor to "Free World" and is not an official publication of the United Nations.



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WINCHELL:

"The McCarran Committee has O.K.'d the entry of pianist Walter Gieseking. I exposed his pro-Nazi record four years ago which chased him out of the United States. Several war veterans organizations have retained Louis Nizer's law office to fight Professor Gieseking's readmission in United States courts."

COMMENT:

None. For your information.

WINCHELL:

N. Y. - France

"Paris. American authorities have a new headache over military airports now being constructed all over France. They are built and paid for by you American taxpayers but they are staffed with many known Communists. In time of war we can expect very heavy sabotage. The French tell us they can't be fired under French law."

COMMENT:

None. For your information.

WINCHELL:

"Berlin. The East Berlin Police at the Kremlin Causeland (have just received seven submarines from Moscow."

COMMENT:

None. For your information.

WINCHELL:

"Warsaw. The Polish Air Force was suddenly grounded for security reasons. Moscow fears a mass flight to the West for political asylum."

COMMENT:

None. For your information.

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WINCHELL:

"Budapest. Despite reassuring word from Moscow yesterday, thirty nine Hungarian doctors, nearly all Jews, were quietly arrested this week. Colonel Zabosky (?), the Hungarian Chief of the Secret Police, blew out his brains as the Russian Police came to get him."

COMMENT:

None. For your information.

WINCHELL:

"Tokyo. Over ninety ships from Poland, Czechoslovakia and Ceylon have been unloaded at a small island southeast of Hong Kong. It is Lo Cho Wei (?), a secret blockade port. U. S. Intelligence has broken the enemy secret code."

COMMENT:

None. For your information.

WINCHELL:

"To the San Bernardino, California, 'Sun.' Thanks for headlines on the Crestline hokum. There may be a probe of some very peculiar Crestline people for being saps."

COMMENT:

As you know Winchell has been making statements on previous programs concerning this matter. Recently the House Un-American Activities Committee conducted inquiries in this matter in connection with their hearings during their tenure in Los Angeles, California.

WINCHELL:

"To the 'Washington Post.' Dr. Robert Johnson, the new head of the State Department's Information Program will lower the biggest axe in town on his top aides. All are under heavy attack by Senate Investigating Committees for links to pinkos."

COMMENT:

As you know this program has recently been under heavy attack by Senator Joseph McCarthy's Committee. Dr. Robert Johnson former president of Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the request of President Eisenhower accepted an appointment to head this Program.

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BROADCAST 9:00 PM EST

WINCHELL:

"London. The Daily Sketch will report tomorrow that Malenkov and hatchman Beria have had a falling out and that the Kremlin will not be big enough for them both."

COMMENT:

None. For your information.

WINCHELL:

"Moscow. Pravda, the official Kremlin newspaper, now accuses the Ministry of State Security for the fiasco of arresting Russian doctors. This must mean Beria, the top Russian killer."

COMMENT:

None. For your information.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 31, 1953

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Gearty	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Mr. Sizoo	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

The attached were sent by Irv Kupcinet, a columnist of the Chicago Sun-Times, to Irving Hoffman who in turn furnished them to Walter Winchell. This letter encloses a release by the National Television Review Board rating certain television programs as "objectionable" and others as "variable," rating Winchell's program "variable" because it "peddles distrust and possible hatred."

New York

Walter Winchell requests the Director to check the National Television Review Board and Robert Kubicek, the head of this group.

Winchell's notations are as follows:

"Dear John,

"Can you please help check this group and man. Seems like a racket to me. Could be a Commie front, maybe?"

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